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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The coastwise trade at the various ports in the South Kanara district during the five years ending 1932–33 and during the current year (April 1933 to January 1934) is shown in the appended statements.[a] There were practically no foreign imports. Foreign exports of rice were from Mangalore and the quantities were as follows:—

	TONS.
1928–29	12
1929–30	22
1930–31	8
1931–32	7
1932–33	6

There were no exports of paddy. No information is available about movement by road.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" Sir, clause (*b*) of the question asks for information regarding the quantity of paddy and rice that has been *imported from outside* the district during the last six years and the answer says that there were practically no *foreign* imports. May I have an answer to the question?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" Notice."

Measures for stabilizing the price of coconuts and copra.

* 797 *Q.*—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what steps are being taken by the Government to restore the price of coconuts and copra in the Northern Circars and other places?

A.—An enquiry into the supply of coconut products in India is being made at present by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and the Government of India propose to await the result of this enquiry before deciding what action should be taken.

Import duty on coconuts.

* 798 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether import duty on coconuts has been reduced by the Government of India; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any action to prevent import into this Province of coconuts from Ceylon?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 797.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 473 infra.